IAPTREC'OPCTIPTO 24 MAY 2006' U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER **FORM PTO-1390** (REV. 7-2005) P/2528-42 TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES **DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)** U.S. APPLICATION NO (If known, see 37 CER 1.5) **CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371** PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. 24 November 2003 23 November 2004 PCT/EP2004/053057 TI LE OF INVENTION VIETHOD FOR PREDICTIVE MAINTENANCE OF AN OPERATING COMPONENT OF AN AUTOMATIC **MACHINE** APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Francesco NICASTRO Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: 1. [X] This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. [] This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. [X] This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. [X] The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. [X] A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) [] is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). [X] has been communicated by the International Bureau. [] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. [] An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). [] is attached hereto. [] has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) [] are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). [] have been communicated by the International Bureau. [] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. [] have not been made and will not be made. 8. [] An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. [X] An <u>Unexecuted</u> oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. [] An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included: 11. [] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. [] An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. [X] A preliminary amendment. 14. [] An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76 15. [] A substitute specification. 16. [] A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. [] A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. 18. [] A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. [] A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). **EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE**

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20. [X] 5 Sheet of Drawings; EFS Form: postcard; Copy of Publication; PTO-1449 with 6 References, International Search Report PCT/EP2004/053057 dated 3 February 2005, PCT Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority PCT/EP2004/053057, Notification of Transmittal of the International Preliminary report on Patentability (Form PCT/IPEA/416) date of mailing March 27, 2006, International Preliminary Report on Patentability (Form PCT/IPEA/409) dated August 4, 2005.					
The following fees have been submitted				CALCULATION	PTO USE ONLY
21. [X] Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))\$300				\$300.00	
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[] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½.					
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10/580627 a. [X] A check (check number 24717) in the amount of \$950.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed b. [] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 15-0700 in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 15-0700. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status. SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: SIGNATURE Max Moskowitz, Esq. OSTROLENK, FABER, GERB & SOFFEN, LLP Max Moskowitz 1180 Avenue of the Americas **NAME** New York, New York 10036-8402 30,576 Telephone: (212) 382-0700 **REGISTRATION NUMBER** Form PTO-1390 (REV 7-2005) Page 3 of 3